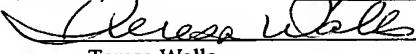
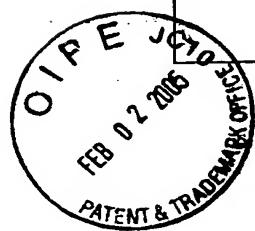


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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 2, 2004, please amend the above-referenced application as follows. Accompanying this communication is a petition to extend the prosecution for three months and the appropriate fee.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.